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EPA Comments Draft-Northeast-Ocean-Plan-Full LR AUGUST ALL EDITS 8.29.16.pdf

Hi RPB staff team,

Please see the attached comments from EPA. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

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Thanks to Nick, here is the dropbox link to the revisions to the draft NE Ocean Plan:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/7xrr37szbp4djtp/Draft-Northeast-Ocean-Plan-Full_LR_AUGUST_ALL_EDITS_8-12-16.pdf?dl=0. It's to a pdf document.

I know some have issues with dropbox—please contact me directly and will get you the document as needed.

The pdf includes the revisions to the draft Plan. The text of the revisions are contained in comment boxes associated with highlighted areas or text. In most cases, the new text is intended to replace the highlighted text or to be inserted into the highlighted area. Please provide comments back by, ideally, inserting your comment directly on the page of the PDF or by sending us a word document identifying those areas where you would like to suggest alternative language. A few other points:

- Per the calendar we discussed on Monday, **comments are due on August 29, COB**. As we know you understand the calendar, if you have a significant issue with one of the revisions, please contact us immediately (do not wait until the deadline).
- Please only review and comment on the revisions (and surrounding and related context, if necessary). All other text was reviewed and approved by each of the RPB entities previously.
- Please provide one set of comments per federal, tribal, and NEFMC RPB member. If possible, states with two RPB members should provide one set of comments.
- The biggest changes are to the marine life, important ecological area, plan implementation responsibilities, data portal, and monitoring and evaluation sections. Per Monday's call, these changes are in response to comment letters (and are the topics where we received the most public comment-by far) and are also in response to the RPB discussion on Monday. The majority of these changes are aimed at clarifying the process going forward.
- Overall, there are relatively few proposed changes to review. A large majority of the original draft Plan content remains untouched.
- Attached is a word document which summarizes the revisions to the Plan. This is only meant to be a guide. It does not include actual revisions to text. Please do not review and comment on this document, as its intent is to help orient you to the pages to focus on in the .pdf.

Thanks and have a good weekend

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